



SUMMARIZED MINUTES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

**Hotel Valley Ho
6850 E. Main Street
Scottsdale, Arizona
January 28, 2006
9:00 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Ed Wimmer, Chairman
George Hartz, Vice-Chairman
Nancy Dallett
Dezbah Hatathli
Kathy Howard
Paul Winslow

Absent: Lisa Loss

Staff: Debbie Abele, HPO
Don Meserve, Preservation Planner
Bob Cafarella, Preservation Director
Ian Johnson, Intern

1. CALL TO ORDER/BACKGROUND ON HP PROGRAM

Chairman Wimmer called the special meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The presence of Commissioners and staff as shown above was noted. Chairman Wimmer and Debbie Abele, HPO gave a quick summary on when the HPC was appointed, when ordinances were approved and designation activities.

2. WARM UP EXERCISE

Each Commissioner was asked to describe how they think the Scottsdale HP program will evolve over the next 5 years. Each Commissioner shared their ideas on the future of the program, potential successes and concerns.

3. REVIEW OF 2005 WORK PROGRAM

The accomplishments of the last year were summarized by Ms Abele and discussed by the Commission. Some tasks on the approved 2005 Work Program were incomplete because other tasks were completed instead and/or took more time to complete. The Taliesin West HP

designation is pending. The summary that was distributed at the meeting is attached. Mr. Meserve distributed a chart showing a list of the HP cases over the past few years and the approved Certificates of Appropriateness or Certificates of No Effect since the two neighborhood historic districts were approved. A Commissioner asked if it was uncommon for all the certificates to be approved. Ms Abele replied that approving all the certificates that come before the Commission can be viewed as a measure of the success of the process and the program. Commissioners thanked staff for their role in the accomplishments for 2005.

4. PLANNING FOR 2006 WORK PROGRAM

The Chairman asked Commissioners for their suggestions for each part of the work program with the discussion following the same order as the previous work program. Commissioners proposed tasks to be completed in 2006 for surveys, designations, Historic Preservation (HP) Plans, incentives, community outreach, archaeology, and training. Staff will prepare a draft 2006 Work Program based upon the discussion that can be reviewed and potentially approved by the HPC at the February 8, 2006 meeting. A list of anticipated meetings and events for the first quarter of 2006 was distributed.

5. WORKING LUNCH

The Chairman called for a short break when the bag lunches arrived at 11:45 a.m. A discussion on what the Commission would like to see come out of the joint meeting ensured during lunch. In broad terms, Commissioners each identified topics that they are interested in talking about at the joint meeting with the Planning Commission on February 8th at 3:30p.m. The Chairman asked Commissioners to email ideas on what they may want to speak about to staff and the Chairman will prepare a list of talking points/subjects for each Commissioner. Potential handouts for the joint meeting were discussed. In broad terms, the Commission would like to form a more effective relationship with the Planning Commission.

A discussion then followed on the types of incentives the City could offer to the owners of properties on 5th Avenue to support the preservation of the storefronts and buildings. A variety of suggestions were made. The Commission requested information from staff for the February 8th meeting on the incentives approved for the McDowell Road Motor Mile, more current maps of the area, and other updated information on what is being planned for the broader area.

The Chairman asked staff to put the next steps for 1950s neighborhoods, and incentives for 5th Avenue on the February 8th agenda. The Chairman asked for other Commissioner or staff comments before adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m. Commissioners were invited to tour the recently completed Hotel Valley Ho property on their own if desired.

Attachments: 2005 Work Program Accomplishments
HPC First Quarter Calendar
Chart of HP Cases and Certificates (separate document)

Notes by Don Meserve, Preservation Planner

2005 Work Program Accomplishment for the Scottsdale Historic Preservation Commission

Tasks completed by HPO/Staff are shown in italics

SURVEY

- ✓ Focus in 2005 more on utilizing the existing survey data (downtown, neighborhoods and multi-family) rather than on conducting new surveys for other building types.
- Develop a "Watch List" and binder of properties for future consideration. Historic Register Committee to complete an annual report to the HPC, including an assessment of threats/risks.
- ✓ Continue the Historic Register Committee's evaluation of surveyed multi-family resources.
- Determine an approach for a ranching and/or Arabian horse ranch context and Brusally Ranch.

DESIGNATION

- ✓ Make 5th Avenue HP District a priority for a downtown designation in 2005.
- ✓ Complete the Taliesin West HP designation in 2005.
- Initiate two more neighborhood historic districts by Fall 2005. **(Revised plans in May 2005)**
- Initiate one multi-family HP overlay zoning case in 2005 for designation.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLANS

- ✓ *Prepare HP Plans with design guidelines for Town and Country Scottsdale and Village Grove 1-6, including Green Building and Sustainability concepts and objectives in the design guidelines.*
- ✓ *Develop HP plan for Taliesin West working with the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation. (Timeline revised per SC zoning process.)*
- ✓ *Develop technical assistance program for neighborhoods.*

INCENTIVES

- ✓ Implement the \$200,000 rehab grant program for homeowners in fiscal 2004-05 budget. Establish procedures, application forms, and process and/or selection committee.
- Explore potential for a voter approved bond program for HP.
- ✓ *Provide technical support for homeowners in historic districts.*
- ✓ *Prepare National Register nomination for Hotel Valley Ho and consider for neighborhoods.*

COMMUNITY EDUCATION & OUTREACH

- Develop articles on program for newspapers, newsletters and magazines
- ✓ Sponsor a May 2005 Downtown Tour event and an October 2005 event during McDowell Sonoran Preserve month, potentially on archaeological resources in the Preserve.
- ✓ Determine better ways to involve supporters and Friends group in the program.
- Distribute and share historic preservation brochures and flyers both broadly and creatively.

ARCHAEOLOGY

- Discuss designation of Brown's Ranch on the local Register and preparing a ranching context.
- ✓ *Proceed with work on ongoing City database of archaeological resources in the Preserve.*
- *Work with the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission on ideas for interpretation of archaeological resources within the Preserve.*

HPC TRAINING AND PROCEDURES

- ✓ Define roles and process for Certificates and when staff can approve Certificates of No Effect.
- ✓ Conduct work sessions to review public hearing cases prior to the hearing.
- ✓ Identify best practices used elsewhere that might be incorporated into HP Program operations.
- *Conduct training for HPC on the role of the HPC compared to the CC, PC, and DRB and the procedures used by these other decision-making bodies.*
- ✓ *Coordinate HP Program with the City's Green Building program, particularly for homeowners.*

ADVOCACY

- Identify HPC members to be liaisons for each City Council member.
- ✓ Nominate Janie Ellis for a 2005 Governor's Heritage Preservation Honor Award for moving and rehabilitating two threatened George Ellis buildings to the Cattle Track Complex (Dallett).
- ✓ Continue communication and interaction with other City divisions and departments through joint meetings and tours of historic resources. (**Downtown – 5th Avenue**)

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First Quarter Calendar 2006 Work Assignments and Meeting Schedule

Jan 12	Taliesin HP Overlay Zoning Open House HPC Meeting: Taliesin HP Designation Public Hearing Design Guidelines Adoption
Jan 21	HRER Application Workshop, 10:00 a.m.
Jan 28	Annual Retreat, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Hotel Valley Ho, Riveria Room
Late Jan/ Early Feb	HRER Committee Meeting with Debbie Abele to discuss any HRER applications ranking or selection process questions
Feb 8	Joint Meeting of the HPC and Planning Commission, 3:30 p.m. (Feb 9 HPC Regular Meeting Cancelled)
Feb 11	Historic District Street Sign Installation with Mayor and City Council
Feb 15	HRER applications deadline
Feb 18	Parada del Sol – HPC shares wagon with Scottsdale Historical Society
Feb 22	Planning Commission hearing on Taliesin West HP Overlay Zoning
Feb 23	If required, HPC hearing(s) on Certificate(s) of Appropriateness
Feb 25	Design Day at Coronado High School – HP Table by Community Outreach
March 1	HRER Committee Meeting to rank HRER applications
Mar 9	HPC Regular Meeting: Approval of HRER funding applications
Mar 21	City Council Hearing on Taliesin HP Overlay Zoning (Tentative)
Mar 23	If required, HPC hearing(s) on Certificate(s) of Appropriateness
April 4	City Council Hearing on HRER Funding Recommendations from HPC (Tentative)